

After looking at the issue further, I don't see why it's an issue for XM to expand it's offerings to include more local content.

Satellite radio offers significant benefits that AM/FM cannot provide:

1. Commercial-free music stations (well-worth my \$9.95 each month)
2. Superior Digital Sound quality to AM and FM signals
3. More listening choices (over 100 channels) than local AM/FM

Many of the XM stations I listen to provide content that is unavailable on local stations. In my opinion, Satellite radio providers seem to be the ones doing the research and seeking find out what their listeners want, rather than force-feeding their content via static-encrusted radio signals.

In my opinion, this would be analogous to local cable companies trying to eliminate their Satellite TV competitors offering local TV stations- which are now available in most major US markets. If Satellite services else can come provide local stations and info IN ADDITION to existing AM/FM stations - what's wrong with a little competition?

I use my XM satellite radio on business road trips across the midwest, and I would LOVE to be able to get more information while driving about what's going in my home town, rather than exclusively national content. Radio is an easy way for me to be informed without using my cell phone while driving.

In my mind, this is a non-issue. Please allow XM and other Satellite Radio providers to broadcast MORE local content.